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1. The Ivesti¹ airfield was constructed in 1943 and abandoned the following year. In June 1951, the field was reactivated, courses for pilots were instituted and a number of training planes were based there. The training planes included about 20 single and double engine aircraft of unspecified types. The first group of pilots to arrive at Ivesti, from the Tecuci Training Center, numbered about 150. In July 1951, four pilot trainees were killed in two airplane crashes. This field was once again abandoned in September 1951, and the personnel returned to Tecuci.
2. New pilot training courses for Rumanian Air Force personnel were alleged to have begun at the Ivesti airfield in April 1952. This impression resulted in part from reports that between 30 and 40 private dwellings in Ivesti had been searched in March 1952 and designated for use by Rumanian Air Force officers.
3. There are no facilities at this field.

1. Comment. There are two Ivesti's: one is southwest of Barlad and the other is east of Focsani.

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